

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found at specification page 12, lines 8-27 and in, e.g., Example 1 at specification page 35, lines 6-7. The amendment to Claim 5 is supported throughout the specification and by originally filed Claim 6. The amendment to Claims 11 and 12 is supported by originally filed Claims 14 and 15. New Claims 20-22 are supported throughout the specification and by original Claim 19. Other amendments improve clarity, place the claims in more conventional U.S. format, etc. No new matter has been entered.

The rejection of Claims 1-4 and 19 over Tokailin is traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to require that the anode itself comprises the two identified elements, once selected from a first group and the second selected from a second group. Tokailin, on the other hand, describes the use of certain of these elements in a surface protection film that is not the anode itself but, instead, is formed on the surface of the anode. See column 9, lines 32-49 of the reference. The actual anode in Tokailin is made of ITO, IZO, and the like. See column 6, lines 17-18 of the reference. In view of this distinct difference between what is disclosed in Tokailin and what is presently claimed in Claims 1-4 and 19, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The rejection of Claims 11, 13-16 and 18 over Onikubo is traversed. Claim 11 has been amended such that the first metal is selected from Al, Cr, Ta, Zn, Fe, Ti, In, Co, Ni, Ge, Cu, Re, Ru, Ag, Pd, Pt, and Au, and the second metal is selected from Te, Sn, V, Mo, Nd, Nb, and Zr. Notably, Bi has been deleted from the list of possible second metals (see original Claim 15). Onikubo, on the other hand, does not disclose or suggest such an electroluminescent device as claimed having a cathode layer comprising such a combination of first and second metals. Moreover, the reference fails to disclose, in combination, the desirability of the claimed standard oxidation-reduction potentials of the noted first and

second metals, or the benefits that this particularly claimed arrangement provides. Because the reference fails to disclose or suggest what is presently claimed in any of Claims 11, 13-16 and 18, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The rejection of Claims 5-10 over Tokailin is traversed. As the Examiner will note, Claim 5 has been amended to require the presence of at least one of indium and tin in the transparent conductive film. Tokailin does not disclose or suggest such a conductive multilayer body, nor does the reference provide any guidance with regard to the desirability of the presently claimed SB/SA ratio or identify this ratio as a result effective variable. Accordingly, and in view of these differences, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The rejection of Claim 12 over Onikubo in view of McNulty is traversed. Claim 12 has been amended in a manner similar to Claim 11, and thus requires that the first metal be selected from the group consisting of Al, Cr, Ta, Zn, Fe, Ti, In, Co, Ni, Ge, Cu, Re, Ru, Ag, Pd, Pt, and Au, and the second metal be selected from the group consisting of Te, Sn, V, Mo, Nd, Nb, and Zr. As explained above, Onikubo does not disclose or suggest such an electroluminescent device. Moreover, the reference fails to disclose, in combination, the desirability of the claimed standard oxidation-reduction potentials of the noted first and second metals, or the benefits that this particularly claimed arrangement provides. McNulty fails to make up for these deficiencies, as the reference is relied upon only for a showing of transparency, and fails to identify the claimed oxidation-reduction potential ratio as a result effective variable. Because the references fail to disclose or suggest what is presently claimed in Claims 12, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

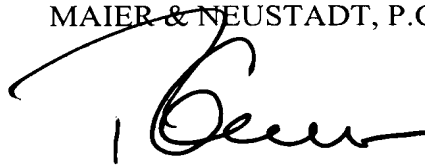
Finally, the rejection of Claim 17 over Onikubo in view of Hosokawa is traversed. Claim 17 is dependent upon Claim 11, and the deficiencies in Onikubo with regard to Claim

11 have been discussed above. Hosokawa fails to make up for that lacking in Onikubo, as the reference is relied upon only for a showing of transparency, and Applicants thus respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Accordingly, and in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the passage of this case to Issue. Applicants wish to alert the Examiner to the fact that an IDS was filed after the issuance of the last Official Action. An initialed copy of the 1449 is requested with the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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